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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following documents:

U.S. Patent Documents

Rasgulov et al.	3,908,662	9/30/1975
Anderson	4,696,300	9/29/1987
Daugherty et al.	5,733,308	3/31/1998

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-
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WO 01/70091

Applicants submitted this search report and the references cited therein with the Second Supplemental IDS filed 7/2/02.

WO 01/41623

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WO 01/70118

Applicants submitted this search report and the references cited therein with the Supplemental IDS filed 3/19/02. Applicants disclosed references cited in an IPER issued on this case in the Fourth Supplemental IDS filed 1/28/03.

WO 99/62415

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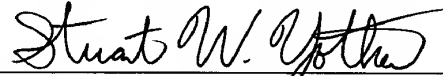
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

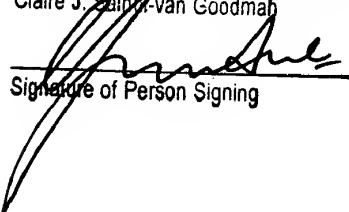
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